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An Office Action was mailed on October 25, 2004. Claims 1 - 37 are pending in the present application. Applicants amend claims 1 - 37 to further clarify the nature of their invention and to address informalities, and add new claims 38 and 39. No new matter is introduced.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1 – 37 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,802,042 to Rangan et al. Applicants amend claims 1 – 37 to further clarify the nature of their invention and to address informalities, and respectfully traverse this rejection.

In amended independent claims 1, 14, and 26, Applicants disclose a method for enabling a guest of an Internet subscriber to obtain selective access to web pages of the subscriber. For example, in amended independent claim 1, Applicants claim:

A method of enabling selective access for one or more guests to access personal information of an Internet subscriber on one or more guest web pages of the Internet subscriber, said method comprising:

providing the one or more guest web pages, said web pages being located on the world wide web or an Intranet,

receiving a subscriber profile with respect to at least a first of said guest web pages, said subscriber profile including at least information defining levels of access for each of the one or more guests;

providing on said at least first guest web page, based on said subscriber profile, personalized combinations of: static information, dynamic information, locator information and communications access for the Internet subscriber;

determining an access level of one of the one or more guest, and

personalizing a web page for said one guest based on a matching an access level of said one guest with said subscriber profile.

Rangan discloses an Internet portal system for gathering data from Internet sites and preparing a report for a user in response to a request by the user (see, e.g., column 3, line 30 – column 4, line 28 of Rangan). Toward this end, the user is able to prepare a portal page personalized for the user based on the request (see, e.g., FIG. 2 of Rangan).

In sharp contrast to the system of Rangan, Applicants' claimed invention is directed to provide one or more Internet web pages that are accessible to and personalized for a guest of the subscriber (user). The guest web pages are personalized for the guest of the subscriber based on a subscriber profile that dictates the content and form of information to be provided to the guest, for example, based on an access level of the guest. In contrast to Applicants' claimed invention, the system of Rangan is not at all directed to providing information in a controlled manner for a guest of the user.

Moreover, unlike Applicants' claimed invention, Rangan fails to disclose or suggest providing subscriber access information for the guest on the guest web page, including subscriber locator information. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that amended independent claim 1 is not anticipated by Rangan, and is therefore allowable.

Applicants essentially repeat the above arguments with respect to amended independent claims 14 and 26 to submit that amended independent claims 14 and 26 are not anticipated by Rangan and therefore allowable. As dependent claims 2 – 13, 15 – 25 and 27 – 37 each depend from one of allowable independent claims 1, 14 and 26, Applicants submit that dependent claims 2 – 13, 15 – 25 and 27 – 37 are also allowable for at least this reason.

CONCLUSION

An earnest effort has been made to be fully responsive to the Examiner's objections. In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that the present application is in condition for allowance. Passage of this application to allowance is earnestly solicited. However, if for any reason the Examiner should consider this application not to be in condition for allowance, he is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below prior to issuing a further Action.

We respectfully request that all fees relating to this application be charged to Deposit Acct. No. 50-1290.

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